From:	Simmons, Denise
To:	Manfred Elfstrom
Subject:	Re: Please End Contracts with HP
Date:	Monday, April 16, 2018 6:44:17 PM

Thank you for your email

From: Manfred Elfstrom <manfredelfstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Simmons, Denise
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Please End Contracts with HP

Dear Councilor Simmons,

As a Cambridge voter, I am writing to strongly urge you to ensure that the city ends any and all contracts it has with Hewlett Packard because of the critical role the company has played in maintaining the Israeli occupation of Palestine--as well as supporting ICE raids and the prison-industrial complex here at home.

Cambridge has a proud history of taking a stand against corporate profiteering off of injustice. You are doubtless familiar with the story of Caroline Hunter, one of our city's residents, who organized one of the first successful boycotts against the South African apartheid regime when she urged people not to buy from Polaroid (the company made money off the passbooks black South Africans were required to show at checkpoints). Cambridge also spoke up in support of sanctuary for refugees from Haiti, Guatemala, and El Salvador in the 1980s. Forcing HP to stop maintaining the infrastructure of oppression would fall squarely in this tradition.

Please follow your conscience and oppose any further city engagement with the company.

Sincerely,

Manfred Elfstrom

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